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SAME

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR § 1.121)**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 9, 2004, for which one month was allotted for response, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.